

Application No.: 10/003,246

Docket No.: 21986-00005-US

**REMARKS**

Claims 11-13 are pending in the application. Claims 11-13 are new. Claims 1-10 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

**Election of Species**

Applicant acknowledges the election of claims 1-5, with traverse, via telephone on May 18, 2004. New claims 11-13 include the subject matter of canceled claims 1-5 and therefore read on the elected species.

**Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §103**

Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-2 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Meyer et al. (USP 5,661,872). Claims 1-2 have been canceled, thereby rendering the rejection moot.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 3-5. New claim 11 includes all of the subject matter of canceled claim 3, rewritten to improve readability. New claim 12 includes all of the subject matter of canceled claim 4, rewritten to improve readability. New claim 13 includes all of the subject matter of canceled claim 5, rewritten to improve readability. No new matter has been added. Therefore, claims 11-13 are allowable.

***Conclusion***

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 21986-00005-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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